

REMARKS

Claims 5-8 are pending in the above-identified application. With this Amendment,
Claims 1-4 have been canceled.

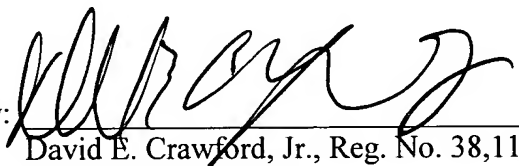
The specification has been amended to identify prior U.S. Application Serial No.
09/580,961 and Japanese Application No. P11-148055 to include a claim of priority.

A copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith pursuant
to M.P.E.P. 201.06(c).

Applicant requests prompt and favorable consideration by the Examiner of the now
pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

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